

ABSTRACT  
(R. Andrews, 1-77)

Parsonage, John Wesley United Methodist Church  
131 North Potomac Street  
Hagerstown  
Washington County, Maryland

early 20th century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Parsonage, Saint Paul's Methodist Church

AND/OR COMMON

Parsonage, John Wesley United Methodist Church

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

131 North Potomac Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

—DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
—STRUCTURE  
—SITE  
—OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

—PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
—BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

—IN PROCESS  
—BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
—UNOCCUPIED  
—WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
—YES: UNRESTRICTED  
—NO

**PRESENT USE**

—AGRICULTURE —MUSEUM  
—COMMERCIAL —PARK  
—EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
—ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS  
—GOVERNMENT —SCIENTIFIC  
—INDUSTRIAL —TRANSPORTATION  
—MILITARY ☒ OTHER parsonage

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John Wesley United Methodist Church

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

129 North Potomac Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

95 West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# **7 DESCRIPTION**

## **CONDITION**

X EXCELLENT      DETERIORATED  
GOOD              RUINS  
FAIR                UNEXPOSED

## **CHECK ONE**

X UNALTERED  
ALTERED

## **CHECK ONE**

X ORIGINAL SITE  
MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## **DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Wesley Methodist Church Parsonage is located at 131 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, Washington County, and stands on the west side of the street near the middle of the block formed by Franklin and Church Streets, the second block north of Public Square.

Built on a high foundation, the Parsonage is an early twentieth century, stone house which is two and a half stories high with a large, one story porch on the facade or east elevation. The exterior walls are constructed of rock-faced ashlar (probably limestone) similar to that used in the church building to the south. The house appears to be structurally sound. The exterior is in original condition.

The facade or east elevation has a slightly off center doorway on the first floor with a group of three single windows to the south and a single one to the north. The second story also has three single windows (above those on the lower story) and two in the northern section. The south half of the roof has a parapeted gable with two pointed arch windows. The northern half of the roof has a rectangular window dormer with a gable roof.

A three part bay window projects from the south elevation near the west end. The north wall has a parapeted gable.

The structure is free-standing and sits back from the general building line of North Potomac Street.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES early twentieth century BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The construction date given in the Church office notes is somewhat questionable. The house has a general feel of dating earlier than 1928, more likely about 1910. Also, there is no evidence that the Church was issued a building permit during the 1928-1933 period for any construction.

Set back from the general building line of North Potomac Street, the Parsonage is different in design and construction from the surround, earlier buildings.

NOTE: The parents of this surveyor were married in this building on 23 January 1943.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Notes on file at John Wesley United Methodist Church Office, Hagerstown,  
Maryland.

Office of the Building Inspector, City of Hagerstown, City Hall, Hagerstown,  
Maryland.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

The property measures approximately 40' x 240'.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

City of Hagerstown

DATE

January 13, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

City Hall

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CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

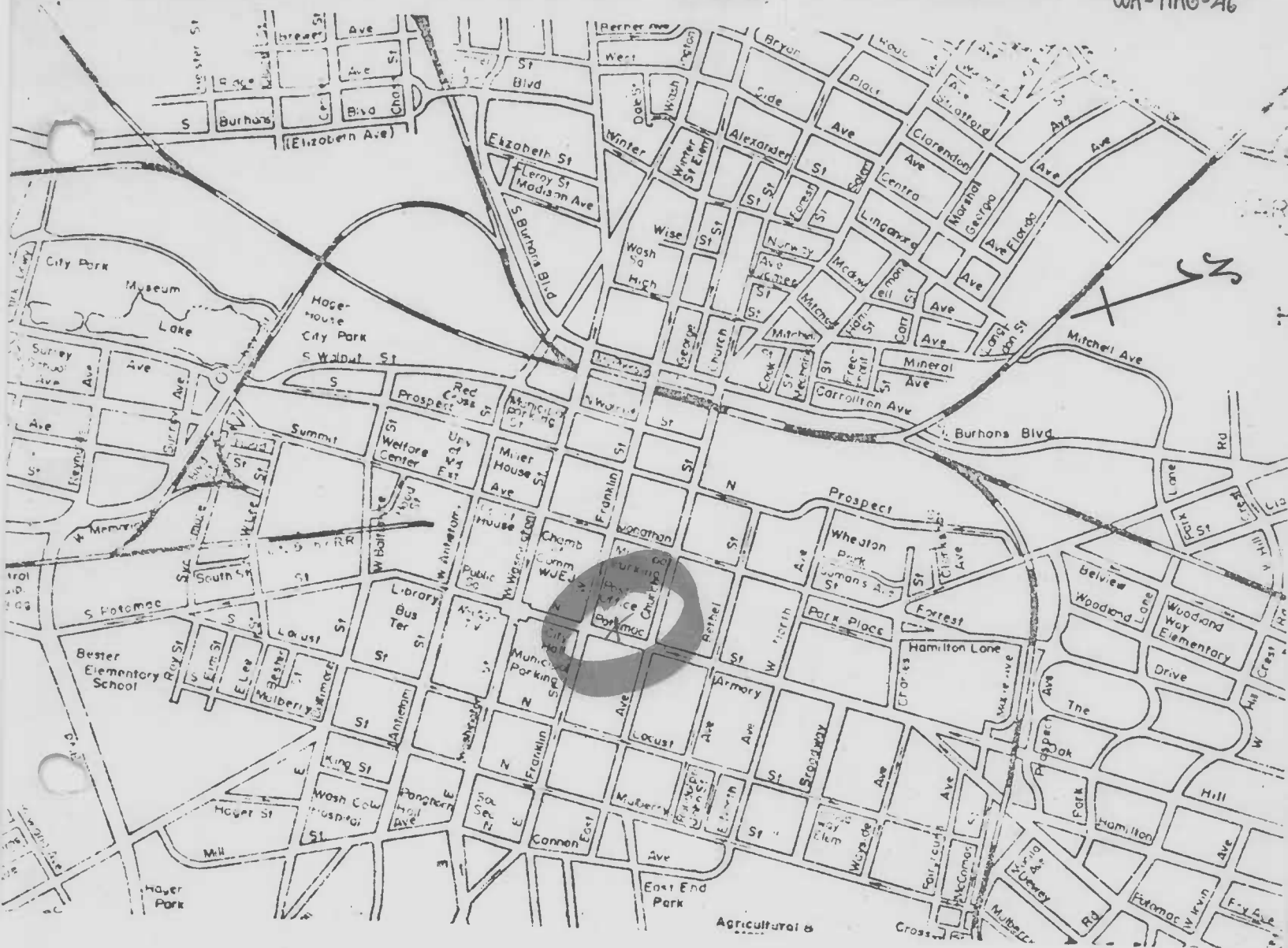
STATE

Maryland 21740

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 Washington County, Maryland

**map:** City of Hagerstown,  
Washington County, Md.  
 City Engineering Dept.  
 July, 1970  
 scale 1"=1200'



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Wesley Methodist Church Parsonage

131 North Patomas Street

Hagerstown

Washington Co, Md.

SE view

October, 1975